

So, General, thank you for your hospitality. We've enjoyed coming out here, and appreciate the efforts you're putting into protecting the homeland.

Thank you all very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:50 p.m. in the Operations Building. In his remarks, he referred to Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, USA, Director, National Security Agency.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 18

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

October 19

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

October 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Alexandria, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Marion Harrison.

In the afternoon, the President met with families of military personnel killed in the war on terror. He then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Fernando Armindo Lugo Mendez of Paraguay to the White House on October 27.

The President announced that he has named Jon C. Brause as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Relief, Stabilization, and Development at the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Barrett Karr as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Luis A. Reyes as Deputy Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

October 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum, the President attended a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic to the White House on October 29.

October 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Ike from September 13–23.

October 23

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, he met and participated in a photo opportunity with participants of the U.S. Middle East Partnership Initiative.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert A. DeHaan to be Assistant Secretary (Transportation Policy) at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute: Steven C. Hollon; Joseph E. Lambert; Gayle A. Nachtigal; Arthur G. Scotland; and Gerald W. VandeWalle.

The President announced his intention to appoint Abram Claude, Jr., as a member of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marc Gordon as a member of the

President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Herbert Briick and Elizabeth Rindskopf as members of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced that he has designated William E. Reukauf as Acting Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

October 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Meade, MD, where, at the National Security Agency—Operations Building, he participated in briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with National Security Agency employees. He then returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert “Jaap” de Hoop Scheffer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In the evening, in the East Room, the President participated in a signing ceremony for North Atlantic Treaty Organization accession protocols for Albania and Croatia.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe wind storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike on September 14.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released October 20

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Fernando Lugo of Paraguay

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Taliban attack on civilians in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Interagency Council on Homelessness

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5159 and S. 3197

Fact sheet: White House Summit on International Development

Released October 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3511, H.R. 4010, H.R. 4131, H.R. 6558, H.R. 6681, H.R. 6834, H.R. 6847, H.R. 6902, and H.R. 6982

Fact sheet: Transforming International Development

Advance text of the President's remarks at the White House Summit on International Development

Released October 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing a G-20 summit to discuss financial markets and the global economy in Washington, DC, on November 15

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 6197

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Arkansas

Released October 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino